

The Life of Jesus of Nazareth.

CHAPTER I.

HIS BIRTH.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. And Joseph, her husband, being a righteous man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. But when he thought on these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary, thy wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son; and thou shalt call his name Jesus; for it is he that shall save his people from their sins. Now all this came to pass, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet saying, Behold the virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel;

which is, being interpreted, God with us. And Joseph arose from his sleep, and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took unto him his wife; and knew her not till she had brought forth a son; and he called his name Jesus.

Now it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment made when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to enroll themselves, every one to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David; to enroll himself with Mary, who was betrothed to him, being great with child. And it came to pass, while they were there, the days were fulfilled that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first-born son; and she wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

CHAPTER II.

THE SHEPHERDS.

And there were shepherds in the same country abiding in the field, and keeping watch by night over their flock. And an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them: "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people; for there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this is the sign unto you: Ye shall find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying: Glory to God in the highest.

And on Earth peace among men in whom he is well pleased.

And it came to pass, when the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another: "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing that is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us."

And they came with haste and found both Mary and Joseph and the babe, lying in the manger. And when they saw it, they made known concerning the saying which was spoken to them about this child. And all that heard it wondered at the things which were spoken unto them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these sayings, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, even as

it was spoken unto them.

CHAPTER III.

THE CIRCUMCISION AND PRESENTATION.

When eight days were fulfilled for circumcising him, his name was called Jesus, which was so called by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

And when the days of their purification according to the law of Moses were fulfilled, they brought him up to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord, as it is written in the law of the Lord, every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord, and to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves; or two young pigeons. And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed unto him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord Christ. And he came in the spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, that they might do concerning him after the custom of the law, then he received him into his arms, and blessed God, and said:

Now lettest thou thy servant depart, Oh, Lord, According to thy word, in peace: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples;

A light for revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of thy people Israel.

And his father and his mother were marveling at the things which were spoken concerning him; and Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother:

"Behold, this child is set for the falling and rising up of many in Israel; and for a sign which is spoken against; yea and a sword shall pierce through thine own soul; that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed."

And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher, she was of a great age, having lived with a husband seven years from her virginity, and she had been a widow even for fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, worshipping with fastings and supplications night and day. And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks unto God, and spake of him to all them that were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had accomplished all things that were according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth.

THE STATE BOARD.

PROBABILITY THAT THE BASIS OF ASSESSMENT WILL BE 80 PER CENT.

Frankfort, Ky., March 26.—The state board of equalization will this week make up preliminary assessments of a number of counties and set them for hearing on dates to be announced later.

While the board has not taken formal action to that effect it is understood that an 80 per cent. valuation is to be made the basis of assessment of all property in the state, and where the assessments by county boards are not up to this, raises are to be made. More important than this, however, is the statement of a member of the board that the body at the close of its labors this spring will serve notice on all counties that a higher per cent. will be made the basis of assessment next year.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL

GEORGE GOULD INCLUDES IT IN BIG SCHEME.

New York, March 26.—The World today says: George Gould is planning a monster railroad consolidation. The proposed capitalization is three hundred million dollars. A number of western and southwestern lines are included in the deal as also, is the Illinois Central.

BENEATH ENGINE.

From Tuesday's Daily.

A rear-end collision occurred on the Illinois Central near East Cairo, Ky., this morning at an early hour.

According to reports, No. 4, the fast train, ran into the rear of No. 86 a freight train, and the passenger engine was turned over, and the caboose and several cars in the freight train wrecked.

Engineer Walter Sheppard, of the city, and his fireman, were buried beneath their engine, and for a time were believed to be lost.

They were soon rescued, however, neither seriously hurt, but considerably bruised up. Engineer Sheppard was able to walk about immediately after being rescued. His many friends here will be pleased to learn of his escape, for his call was certainly a close one.

Engineer Sheppard came in at noon today on the passenger train. He received a terrible blow in the forehead, his left hand is cut and bruised and his left arm badly wrenched.

His escape was most miraculous. The second section of 86 was waiting to cross the Cairo bridge when Engineer Sheppard approached on No. 4, the fast train en route to Cairo. The flagman of the freight train was not far enough behind the train, and Engineer Sheppard could not stop. He saw he was going to hit the caboose, but there was no way to get out of the engine. He was forced to brace himself for the shock, penned up in the cab with no hope of escape. A. H. Williamson, of Memphis, his fireman, jumped off a twenty foot trestle where the trains came together, but was not badly hurt. Engineer Sheppard was pinned for some time beneath his engine and could not be found. He was taken through a hole about a foot square.

The engine is a complete wreck, and the caboose can be loaded into an express wagon. The passenger train was going about forty miles an hour when they struck.

Engineer Sheppard will be laid up some time by his injuries. The fireman went to his home in Memphis.

DEEP PLOT.

Paris, March 26.—The situation in St. Petersburg is very grave and the government seems to be over a powder mill which may explode at any moment. There is treachery on all sides. The last reports are that bombs have been discovered under the Czar's palace and in the neighborhood of St. Petersburg and that several nobles are implicated in the plot. The Czar is said to be very nervous over the plots and rioting and apprehensive of the outcome of the situation.

NO DECISIONS YET.

Frankfort, Ky., March 26.—To the surprise of everyone the appellate court did not sit today. It is reliably reported that the judges are drawing up the decisions in the Powers and Howard cases and the decisions will be read tomorrow.

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GOING RAPIDLY.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The Elks committee is selling booth space rapidly, and the merchants are taking a lively interest in the approaching festivities.

The contract for 5,000 lithographs was last evening let to the Courier, of Buffalo, and Mr. Robert McCune, of the city, will paint twenty 25-foot streamers to be stretched across the streets in various surrounding cities.

A bureau of information will be opened in a few days and all hotels, boarding houses and private residences where visitors can be accommodated will be registered.

Secretary A. C. Atkins has received a communication from Secretary Lovington, of the Chattanooga Spring Festival association, stating that arrangements will probably be made to bring a large excursion here on the Avalon during the carnival.

The Commercial club is doing excellent work with the carnival committee, and the lowest possible rates will be secured on all railroads and steamboats. Visitors will come from St. Louis, Louisville, Memphis and intermediate points, as well as from all cities on the rivers.

Advertising has been placed with thirty different agents, and the carnival will be kept before the public in all parts of the state by attractive lithographs.

MORE DEFICIT.

METROPOLIS SCHOOLS ARE BEGINNING TO FEEL THE EFFECT OF SHORTAGE IN FUNDS.

Massac county, Ill., is in bad straits over a deficit in school funds. The schools at Brooklyn had to close a week or two ago because of a shortage due to a reduction in valuations by the state board of equalization, and now Metropolis finds that the schools must either close after only an eight months' session, or else the county must go into debt to make up the deficit, which will be nearly \$4,000.

The SUN has no superior any way.

MAYFIELD NOTES.

Tuesday, March 26.—Quite a serious accident happened on the railroad at Broadway crossing, yesterday evening. A little stepson of Mr. John Chrun, of this city, tried to catch a fast moving train, and was thrown under the wheels and lost his left arm. The little fellow is about 9 years old, and said to be quite bright but by the very unfortunate accident must be maimed for life. When will our people learn to keep boys away from the railroads, and other places of danger.

There is yet some interest manifested in circuit court. A slander case was on trial all day yesterday, and perhaps will still be continued this morning. It seems nice to see Judge Robbins once more in his place of "yore."

The following are the speakers "on tap" for the first anniversary of Mayfield lodge No. 565, B. P. O. E. on the evening of March 27: C. J. Whittemore, W. I. Webb, A. E. Myles, H. Moorman, J. E. Robbins, Rev. D. W. Fookes, Rev. E. W. Thornton and Bunk Gardner. Quite an extensive and inviting menu has been prepared by the accomplished hostess of hotel Sothern, Mrs. K. P. Hall.

Mr. Isaac Copeland died yesterday at the residence of his son, Mr. P. M. Copeland, of this city. He was afflicted with a chronic disease of the bowels. Deceased was about 83 years old, was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, where he had belonged for sixty years. He was one of the few remaining "brush breakers" of this county in an early day. He leaves a wife, several children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and a host of friends. Funeral will be conducted at the home of his son this afternoon by Rev. D. W. Fookes. Burying at Mayfield cemetery.

Rev. S. B. Rudolph preached near Wingo Sunday. He reports quite a nice time.

Dr. Dismukes and family returned from Fulton yesterday, where they had been on a visit.

The fire of a genius isn't always capable of making the pot boil.